

REMARKS

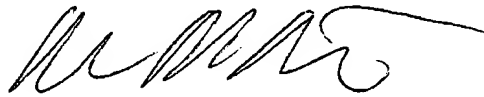
In the above-referenced Final Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 5-7, 15-17, 35-37, 45-47, 65-67 and 75-77 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base and intervening claims. Applicants have Amended independent Claim 1 to include the features of previous Claim 5, independent Claim 11 to include the features of previous Claim 15, independent Claim 31 to include the features of previous Claim 35, independent Claim 41 to include the features of previous Claim 45, independent Claim 61 to include the features of previous Claim 65 and independent Claim 71 to include the features of previous Claim 75. All other pending Claims depend from the above-recited independent Claims. Therefore, Applicants believe that the above-supplied Amendment should be entered because they place the application in condition for Allowance, as all pending Claims should be allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment, in view of the Remarks offered in conjunction therewith, is fully responsive to all aspects of the objections and rejections tendered by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that they have demonstrated that the above-identified Patent Application, including Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-20, 31-34, 36-44, 46-50, 61-64 and 66-80, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

It is not believed that this Response letter requires any fee other than the attached check for \$210 for a two-month Extension of Time, but if there are any other fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account NO. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,



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